

PHOENIX HILL HISTORIC DISTRICT

HABS NO.KY-163-HH

Ohio Falls Dye and Finishing Works Building (commercial)

731-733 East Madison Street

Louisville

Jefferson County

Kentucky

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PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Department of the Interior

Southeast Region

Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Washington, DC. 20243

ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Kentucky	COUNTY Jefferson	TOWN OR VICINITY Louisville
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Ohio Falls Dye and Finishing Works Bldg. (Caron Directory)		HABS NO. KY-163-HH
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Ohio Falls		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 731-733 E. Madison Street, Louisville, Ky 40202		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1897 - Caron Directory	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) unknown	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Architecturally, the building is a typical industrial structure of the late nineteenth century, two and three stories in height and contributes to the Phoenix Hill Historic District. Historically, The Ohio Falls Dye and Finishing Works founded in 1897 by John E. Norris, grew to be one of the nation's largest manufacturers of canvas goods.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) industrial vernacular		(con'
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) brick		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) approx. 385' X165' (complex)		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE brick corbeling, pilasters and relieving arches		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES additions of like material and style made in early twentieth century.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE poor - industrial		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) <u>Caron Directory of the City Of Louisville.</u> Louisville: C.K.Caron,		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Marty Hedgepeth/M.A.Allgeier Louisville Landmarks Commission		DATE 9-8-83
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Significance (con't)

The product was used nationally for tents, awnings, hunting clothes and during World War Two, for blackout curtains. Ohio Falls has been the only occupant of the building, in business for 86 years.